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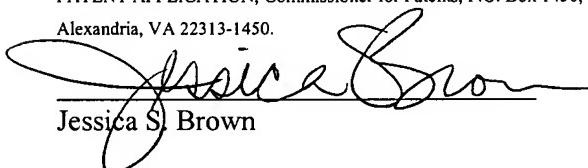
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U.S. Patent Application
Title: NOISE REDUCTION FOR SPECTROSCOPIC SIGNAL PROCESSING
Subject: Transmitting Patent Application for Filing

Sir:

We enclose for filing the patent application of:

Inventor: Howard S. Taylor and Sharif Kunikeev
For: NOISE REDUCTION FOR SPECTROSCOPIC SIGNAL PROCESSING

This applicant claims Small Entity Status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

The application includes:

- Cover + 27 pages of specification, claims and abstract
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